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1. In this Act,

(a) "Board" means the Ontario Highway Transport Board;

(b) "bus" means a bus as defined in the *Highway Traffic Act* R.S.O. 1980, c. 198;

(c) "car pool vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*,

(i) with a seating capacity of not more than twelve persons,

(ii) while it is operated transporting no more than twelve commuters including the driver, none of whom pay for the transportation more frequently than on a weekly basis,

(iii) that is not used by any one driver to transport commuters for more than one round trip per day, and

(iv) the owner, or if the vehicle is subject to a lease, the lessee, of which does not own or lease another car pool vehicle unless he is the employer of a majority of the commuters transported in the vehicles,

but does not include a motor vehicle while being operated by or under contract with a school board or other authority in charge of a school for the transportation of children to or from school;

(d) "compensation" includes any rate, remuneration, reimbursement or reward of any kind paid, payable or promised, or received or demanded, directly or indirectly;

(e) "highway" means a highway as defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*;
(f) “Minister” means the Minister of Transportation and Communications;

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(h) “officer of the Ministry” means an officer of the Ministry designated, in writing, by the Minister to assist in the enforcement of this Act;

(i) “operating licence” means a public vehicle operating licence issued under this Act;

(j) “prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations;

(k) “public vehicle” means a motor vehicle operated on a highway by, for or on behalf of any person for the transportation for compensation of passengers, or passengers and express freight that might be carried in a passenger vehicle, but does not include the cars of electric or steam railways running only upon rails, taxicabs, car pool vehicles, nor motor vehicles operated solely within the corporate limits of one urban municipality;

(l) “regulations” means the regulations made under this Act;

(m) “taxicab” means a motor vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, other than a car pool vehicle, having a seating capacity of not more than six persons, exclusive of the driver, hired for one specific trip for the transportation exclusively of one person or group of persons, one fare or charge only being collected or made for the trip;

(n) “toll” means any fee or rate charged, levied or collected by any person for the carriage of passengers and express freight by a public vehicle;

(o) “vehicle licence” means a public vehicle licence issued under this Act. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 1; 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (1); 1972, c. 1, ss. 1, 100 (2); 1977, c. 32, s. 1; 1980, c. 46, s. 1.

2.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any private Act, no person shall operate a public vehicle,

(a) except under an operating licence; or
(b) in contravention of the terms and conditions of the operating licence.

(2) No person shall arrange or offer to arrange the transportation of passengers by means of a public vehicle operated by another person unless that other person is the holder of an operating licence authorizing him to perform the transportation. 1980, c. 46, s. 2, part.

3.—(1) No person, while transporting passengers therein for compensation or otherwise, shall operate a leased bus that has a designed seating capacity for more than thirty-five passengers unless,

(a) the bus is leased to him for a term of not less than twenty-two days under a lease that is not terminable within the first twenty-two days of its term; or

(b) the bus is operated solely within the corporate limits of one urban municipality.

(2) No person shall lease out a bus that has a designed seating capacity for more than thirty-five passengers under a lease that has a term of less than twenty-two days or is terminable within the first twenty-two days of its term unless he obtains from the lessee a declaration in the prescribed form that the bus is to be operated solely within the corporate limits of one urban municipality.

(3) The chartering of a bus and driver by the holder of an operating licence from another holder of an operating licence does not constitute the leasing of a bus for the purposes of this section. 1980, c. 46, s. 2, part.

4.—(1) Every person who contravenes subsection 2 (1) or any provision of section 3 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable,

(a) for a first offence, to a fine of not less than $250 and not more than $5,000; and

(b) for each subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than $500 and not more than $5,000.

(2) Where a person who has previously been convicted of an offence mentioned in subsection (1) is convicted of the same or any other offence mentioned in subsection (1) within five years after the date of the previous conviction, the offence for which he is last convicted shall be deemed to be a subsequent offence for the purpose of clause (1) (b). 1980, c. 46, s. 2, part.
5.—(1) The Minister may issue an operating licence in accordance with a certificate of necessity and convenience issued by the Board under section 6.

(2) An operating licence authorizes the licensee to conduct upon a highway by means of a public vehicle the business of a carrier of passengers or of passengers and express freight, in accordance with this Act and the regulations and the terms and conditions of the licence.

(3) The holder of an operating licence shall not discontinue any scheduled service authorized under his licence until after giving the Minister ten days written notice of his intention to do so.

(4) Where the holder of an operating licence fails to provide a scheduled service authorized by his licence for more than twenty-four hours, he shall give,

(a) a written report to the Minister; and

(b) a notice to the public in the area affected,

indicating the cause of the failure and its probable duration.

(5) A notice to the public under subsection (4) shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in the area affected and by posting it at the scheduled stopping places on the highway in respect of which the service has not been provided. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part.

(6) Where the Minister is of the opinion that public necessity and convenience will be served thereby, he may grant to the holder of an operating licence a special authority that augments his operating licence to the extent set out in the special authority, subject to the terms and conditions therein, for a period not exceeding seven days.

(7) The provisions of this Act, except sections 6 and 18, and the regulations and the terms and conditions of the licensee's operating licence shall continue to apply during the period of validity of the special authority to the extent that they are not inconsistent therewith.

(8) The Minister may delegate to a member or members of the Board his powers under subsection (6). 1980, c. 46, s. 3.

6.—(1) The Minister shall not issue an operating licence to any person unless the Board, upon the application of that person on the form provided therefor by the Ministry has,
after a hearing of the application as required by the Ontario Highway Transport Board Act, approved the issue of the licence to him on the ground that public necessity and convenience warrant the issue of the licence and will be served thereby, and has issued a certificate to that effect to the Minister. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 4 (1).

(2) The Board may, in a certificate issued by it under this section, having regard to the requirements of public necessity and convenience,

(a) prescribe terms and conditions to govern the transportation of passengers or of passengers and express freight by public vehicles pursuant to the licence;

(b) approve the conferring by the licence of special, exclusive or limited rights with respect to the operation of public vehicles and with respect to any highway or highways or portions thereof described in the certificate; and

(c) prescribe that a licence expire at the end of a specified term, upon a specified day or upon the occurrence of a specified event. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 4 (2).

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the approval of the Board is not required for renewal of a licence unless the Minister refers the application for renewal to the Board, in which case subsection (1) applies. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part;

(4) Where a certificate issued by the Board under this section is revoked or amended, the operating licence issued as a result of that certificate shall be revoked or amended accordingly, and the revocation or amendment of the licence shall be effective on the fifth day after the day notice of the revocation or amendment is mailed by registered mail addressed to the licensee at his last known address. 1980, c. 46, s. 4 (3).

7.—(1) No operating licence shall be transferred without the approval, in writing, of the Minister obtained on application on the form provided therefor by the Ministry and payment of the prescribed fee. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 5 (1).

(2) The Minister shall refer an application for approval of the transfer of an operating licence to the Board and the Board shall hold a hearing as required by the Ontario Highway Transport Board Act and shall report to the Minister whether or not the public necessity and convenience served by the
transformation service carried on under the licence will be prejudiced by the transfer of the licence. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 5 (2).

(3) The Minister, the proposed transferor and transferee and such other persons as the Board specifies are parties to the proceedings under this section.

(4) The Minister shall consider a report made by the Board to him under this section and may thereafter approve or refuse to approve the transfer and the Minister shall give reasons for his decision to the other parties to the proceedings.

(5) The Minister may require the directors of a corporation that is the holder of an operating licence to report to the Board any issue or transfer of shares of its capital stock and where the Board finds, after a hearing, that the number of shares so issued or transferred affects the de facto control of the operations of the corporation such issue or transfer shall be deemed to constitute a transfer of all operating licences held by such corporation and, unless the transfer is approved, such operating licences shall terminate.

(6) The Minister may at any time refer an operating licence to the Board with a recommendation that the terms and conditions of the licence be reviewed, having regard to the requirements of public necessity and convenience, and the Board shall, after a hearing of the reference as required by the Ontario Highway Transport Board Act, report thereon to the Minister, and the Minister may confirm, amend or cancel the terms and conditions of the licence and shall give reasons for his decision to the licensee. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part.

8.—(1) An operating licence for which a day for expiry has not been fixed expires on the 1st day of July in each year unless on or before that day the licensee has applied for and acquired vehicle licences for the vehicles operated pursuant to the operating licence for the current year. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 6 (1).

(2) Where the holder of an operating licence has acquired vehicle licences in accordance with subsection (1), his operating licence shall be deemed to be renewed. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (3), part.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to an operating licence that by its terms expires at the end of a specified term, upon a
specified day or upon the occurrence of a specified event. 1980, c. 46, s. 6 (2).

9.—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a person holding an operating licence may operate his vehicle in and through any municipality covered by the licence without holding a licence or complying with the rates or fares prescribed under any by-law of any such municipality.

(2) Where such a person takes on passengers or express freight within the limits of an urban municipality and discharges such passengers or express freight within the limits of that municipality, he may be required to obtain a licence under a by-law of that municipality and shall, as to such passengers and express freight, comply with any tariff of fares or rates established by by-law of that municipality.

(3) The council of any such municipality may, with the approval of the Minister, designate by by-law the streets within the municipality over which the person holding the licence may operate his vehicle. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 8.

10. The council of any city may pass a by-law requiring a person holding an operating licence who operates a public vehicle over a route partly within and partly without the limits of the city to pay to the city a fee or charge not being in the nature of a licence fee, and the by-law shall not come into effect until approved by the Minister who shall fix the fee to be charged. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 9.

11. Subject to section 17, the Minister may suspend or cancel an operating licence,

(a) where the licensee fails to begin operations as a carrier in accordance with the licence within thirty days after the issue of the licence or within such further period as is specified in the licence;

(b) where the licensee fails for a continuous period of thirty days to carry on operations as a carrier in accordance with the licence;

(c) where the past conduct of the applicant or licensee, or, where the applicant or licensee is a corporation, of its officers or directors, affords reasonable grounds for belief that the transportation service will not be operated
in accordance with the law and with honesty and integrity;

(d) where the licensee is financially incapable of providing or continuing to provide transportation services in accordance with this Act and the regulations or the terms and conditions of the licence or of meeting his financial responsibilities to persons using such services; or

(e) where the licensee or any person under his control and direction contravenes this Act or the Highway Traffic Act or the regulations hereunder or thereunder or the terms and conditions of the licence and such contravention affords reasonable grounds for believing that the business of a carrier will not be carried on pursuant to the licence in accordance with the requirements of such Acts or regulations or such terms and conditions. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 7.

12. Notwithstanding the provisions of any private Act, no person shall operate a public vehicle unless the vehicle is licensed as a public vehicle under this Act. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part.

13.—(1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 16, the holder of an operating licence is entitled, upon application to the Minister on the form provided therefor by the Ministry, to be issued by the Minister vehicle licences for public vehicles for operation pursuant to his operating licence. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 8 (1).

(2) No vehicle licence shall be issued for a public vehicle except to the holder of an operating licence who,

(a) is registered as the owner of the vehicle under the Highway Traffic Act; or

(b) has entered into an agreement for the lease of the vehicle in accordance with this Act and the regulations. 1980, c. 46, s. 8 (2).

14.—(1) A vehicle licence authorizes the holder to operate the vehicle for which it is issued as a public vehicle on the highways designated in his operating licence or on charter or special trips in accordance with the regulations.

(2) A vehicle licence expires on the 31st day of March in each year.
(3) Where a vehicle for which a vehicle licence was issued is sold to the holder of an operating licence, the Minister may transfer the vehicle licence and licence plate for the vehicle to such holder, but no vehicle licence may be transferred in any other case. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part.

15.—(1) The Minister may, in a vehicle licence, fix the number of passengers or tonnage of express freight, or both, that the vehicle may carry and, subject to subsection 23 (1), no vehicle shall at any time carry more passengers or more tonnage than is fixed by the licence issued with respect to the vehicle. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part.

(2) Every public vehicle shall, while operated on a highway, have attached thereto and exposed in a conspicuous place, a licence plate issued by the Minister showing in plain figures the number of the vehicle licence issued for the vehicle for the current year. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 9.

16. Subject to section 17, the Minister may refuse to issue or may cancel a vehicle licence if the applicant or licensee is not, or ceases to be, eligible to be issued a licence under subsection 13 (2) or if the vehicle does not comply with the requirements of this Act or the Highway Traffic Act or the regulations hereunder or thereunder. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 10.

17.—(1) Where the Minister proposes,

(a) to suspend or cancel an operating licence under section 11; or

(b) to refuse to issue or to cancel a vehicle licence under section 16,

he shall cause notice of his proposal together with written reasons therefor to be served on the applicant or licensee informing him that he has a right to a hearing by the Board if he mails or delivers, within fifteen days after service on him of the notice from the Minister, notice in writing requiring a hearing to the Minister and the Board, and the applicant or licensee may so require such a hearing.

(2) Where an applicant or licensee,

(a) does not give notice in accordance with subsection (1) requiring a hearing by the Board, the Minister may forthwith refuse to issue or suspend or cancel his licence; or
(b) gives notice in accordance with subsection (1) requiring a hearing by the Board, the Minister shall refer the matter to the Board for a hearing.

Service of notice

(3) The Minister may cause a notice under subsection (1) to be served personally or by registered mail addressed to the applicant or licensee at his address last known to the Minister and, where notice is served by registered mail, the notice shall be presumed to have been served on the third day after the day of mailing unless the person on whom notice is being served establishes to the Board that he did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond his control receive the notice or order until a later date.

Extension time for giving notice by applicant

(4) The Board, on application of an applicant or licensee, may extend the time for giving notice requiring a hearing under subsection (1), either before or after expiration of the time fixed therein, where the Board is satisfied that there are *prima facie* grounds for granting relief to the applicant or licensee pursuant to a hearing and that there are reasonable grounds for applying for the extension, and may give such directions as the Board considers proper consequent upon the extension.

Parties to hearing

(5) The Minister, the applicant or licensee and such other persons as the Board may specify are parties to a hearing under this section.

Notice of hearing

(6) Notice of a hearing under this section shall afford to the applicant or licensee a reasonable opportunity to show or to achieve compliance before the hearing with all lawful requirements for the issue or retention of his licence.

Examination of documentary evidence

(7) The Minister shall afford to the applicant or licensee, or his representative, an opportunity to examine before the hearing any written or documentary evidence that will be introduced or any report the contents of which will be given in evidence at the hearing.

Report to Minister

(8) The Board shall, after a hearing under this section, make a report to the Minister which shall set out its findings of fact and conclusions of law and its recommendations as to the issue, suspension or cancellation of the licence to which it relates.

Decision of Minister

(9) After considering a report of the Board under this section, the Minister may carry out the proposal or refrain from carrying out the proposal to which it relates and shall give reasons for his decision to the applicant or licensee. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (4), *part.*
18.—(1) Subject to section 19, no tolls shall be charged by the licensee for services rendered pursuant to his operating licence until a tariff thereof has been filed with and approved by the Minister as being fair and reasonable, or otherwise than in accordance with such tariff.

(2) Subject to section 19, where a tariff of tolls has been approved by the Minister under subsection (1), the Minister may at any time revise such tariff and make such changes therein as are fair and reasonable and thereafter no tolls shall be charged except in accordance with the revised tariff. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (5), part.

19.—(1) Before refusing to approve a tariff of tolls filed with him or before revising a tariff of tolls without the consent of the licensee who filed the tariff, the Minister shall refer the matter to the Board for a hearing and report. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (5), part.

(2) Pursuant to a reference under this section, the Board shall hold a hearing as required by the Ontario Highway Transport Board Act to inquire whether the tariff of tolls should be approved as filed or approved with amendments or revised. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (5), part; 1980, c. 46, s. 11.

(3) The Minister, the licensee and such other persons as the Board may specify are parties to a hearing under this section.

(4) The Board shall at the conclusion of a hearing under this section make a report to the Minister, which shall set out a summary of the representations of the parties, its findings of fact and any other information that it considers relevant to determining fair and reasonable rates.

(5) After considering the report of the Board under this section, the Minister may approve the tariff of tolls filed with him either as the tariff was filed or as amended or may revise the tariff of tolls to which the report relates and shall give written notice of his decision to the licensee stating the reasons therefor. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (5), part.

20. No driver of a public vehicle carrying passengers shall drink any intoxicating liquor during the time he is on duty, or at any time use intoxicating liquor to excess. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 13; 1980, c. 46, s. 12.
21. No driver of a public vehicle carrying passengers shall smoke any cigar, cigarette, tobacco or other substance while driving the vehicle. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 14; 1980, c. 46, s. 13.

22. Subject to the conditions of the operating licence, no driver or operator of any public vehicle shall refuse to carry any person offering himself at any regular stopping place for carriage and who tenders the regular fare to any regular stopping place on the route of the vehicle or between the termini thereof, unless at the time of such offer the seats of the vehicle are fully occupied, but the driver or operator of a public vehicle may refuse transportation to any person who is in an intoxicated condition or conducting himself in a boisterous or disorderly manner or is using profane or obscene language. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 15.

23.—(1) No driver or operator shall allow passengers to ride on the fenders or any other part of a public vehicle other than the seats thereof, except that a vehicle may carry as standing passengers in the aisles thereof not more than one-third the number of persons for which seats are provided.

(2) No driver or operator of a public vehicle shall permit or allow on the front seat of the vehicle more passengers than the seat is designed to carry, exclusive of the driver, or permit or allow any passenger to occupy any other portion of the vehicle forward of the back of the driver's seat.

(3) No passenger shall be allowed to sit on the front seat to the left of the driver of a left-hand drive motor vehicle, or to the right of the driver of a right-hand drive motor vehicle. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 16.

24. Except when specially authorized by the Minister, no person shall operate a public vehicle with any trailer or other vehicle attached thereto, but where a vehicle becomes disabled on a trip and is unable to proceed on its own power, the vehicle may be towed to the nearest point where repair facilities are available. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 17.

25. A public vehicle shall not carry or transport any luggage, baggage, package, trunk, crate or other load that extends beyond the body limits of the vehicle. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 18.

26.—(1) Every public vehicle shall have at least two doors or exits, one of which, to be used only in an
emergency, shall be at the rear of the vehicle or near
the rear on the left side of the vehicle.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regu-

lations prescribing exits to be used only in an emergency
in lieu of those required in subsection (1). R.S.O. 1970,
c. 392, s. 19.

27. Every person licensed under this Act shall provide

or effect and carry such insurance or bond as is prescribed
by the regulations. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 20.

28.—(1) Every insurer who has issued a policy of insurance
in accordance with section 27 shall issue a certificate
thereof which shall be filed with the Minister.

(2) Such certificate shall be deemed to be a conclusive
admission by the insurer that the policy has been issued
and is in accordance with the terms of the certificate.

(3) Every insurer shall notify the Minister in writing
of the cancellation or expiry of any policy for which a
certificate has been issued at least thirty days before the
effective date of the cancellation or expiry, and in the
absence of such notice of cancellation or expiry, the
policy remains in full force and effect. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392,
s. 21.

29. A bond issued in accordance with section 27 shall
not be cancelled or expire except after thirty days written
notice to the Minister, but not after the happening of an
injury or damage secured by the bond as to such accident,
injury or damage, and the bond shall be filed with the
Minister. R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 22.

30.—(1) A member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force or
an officer of the Ministry may, for the purpose of an examination
in accordance with subsection (2), direct, by signals or otherwise,
the driver of any bus that is being driven on a highway to stop, and
the driver upon being so directed shall stop the vehicle.

(2) A member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force or an
officer of the Ministry may at any time examine any bus, its
contents and equipment for the purpose of ascertaining whether
this Act and the regulations are being complied with in the opera-
tion of the bus, and the driver or other person in control of the bus
shall assist in the examination of the bus, its contents and equip-
ment.

(3) Where a leased bus is being operated on a highway for the
purpose of transporting passengers, the lease, or a true copy
thereof, shall be carried by the driver of the bus or placed in some readily accessible position in the bus and shall be surrendered for reasonable inspection upon the demand of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force or an officer of the Ministry.

(4) An officer of the Ministry may at any time examine all books, records and documents of the holder of an operating licence relating to the business of operating public vehicles for the purpose of ensuring that the provisions of this Act and the regulations are being complied with and such officer may, for the purposes of such examination, upon producing his designation as an officer, enter at any reasonable time the business premises of the holder. 1980, c. 46, s. 14.

31. Each person employed in the administration of this Act, including any person making an examination under section 30, shall preserve secrecy with respect to all matters that come to his knowledge in the course of his duties or employment or on an examination under section 30 and shall not communicate any such matters to any other person except,

(a) as may be required in connection with the administration of this Act and the regulations or any proceeding under this Act or the regulations; or

(b) to his counsel; or

(c) with the consent of the person to whom the information relates. 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (6), part.

32.—(1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and on conviction, where a penalty for the contravention is not otherwise provided for herein, is liable to a fine of not less than $150 and not more than $1,500.

(2) Every person who knowingly makes a false statement in an application, declaration, affidavit or paper writing required by this Act or by the regulations or by the Ministry is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than $50 and not more than $200 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty days, or to both. 1980, c. 46, s. 15.

33. No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act without the consent of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force or of an officer of the Ministry designated
by the Minister to assist in the enforcement of this Act.
R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 24; 1972, c. 1, s. 1.

34. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) prescribing forms for the purposes of this Act and providing for their use;

(b) governing the application for a licence or for a renewal or transfer of a licence and prescribing classes of licences;

(c) prescribing terms and conditions to which licences shall be subject;

(d) fixing the form, amount, nature, class, terms and conditions of insurance or bond that shall be provided and carried by persons licensed under this Act;

(e) prescribing the terms and conditions of cancellation, expiry, renewal, extension and notice of cancellation respecting such insurance or bonds;

(f) governing the filing of bonds and certificates of insurance;

(g) respecting the publication, filing and posting of tariffs of tolls, and the payment of tolls;

(h) governing the material and information to be filed with tariffs of tolls filed under this Act;

(i) prescribing, regulating and limiting the hours of labour of drivers of public vehicles;

(j) prescribing the qualifications of drivers of public vehicles;

(k) prescribing the condition in which public vehicles shall be kept, and prescribing the equipment to be carried by public vehicles and the condition and location in which the equipment shall be kept;

(l) defining chartered trips, special trips, scheduled services and school buses, and prescribing special terms and conditions with respect to such trips or buses and regulating such trips or services;

(m) providing for the delegation to an officer of the Ministry of such of the powers and duties of the Minister as may be considered necessary;
(n) providing for the payment of fees for copies of or access to any writing, paper or document filed in the Ministry under this Act or the regulations or any statement containing information from the records of the Ministry and prescribing the amount of such fees;

(o) prescribing terms that shall be deemed to be incorporated into all leases referred to in sections 3 and 13.

R.S.O. 1970, c. 392, s. 25; 1971, c. 50, s. 74 (7, 8); 1972, c. 1, s. 1; 1980, c. 46, s. 16.

Policy statements 35.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may by order from time to time issue policy statements setting out matters to be considered by the Board when determining questions of public necessity and convenience and the Board shall take such matters into consideration together with such other matters as the Board considers appropriate where the hearing or review is commenced after the policy statement is gazetted. 1978, c. 23, s. 1, part; 1980, c. 46, s. 17.

Publication (2) An order made under subsection (1) shall be published in The Ontario Gazette. 1978, c. 23, s. 1, part.

Investigation directed by Minister 36.—(1) The Minister may direct the Board to examine and investigate such matters relating to transportation policy as are referred to it by the Minister and the Board shall report thereon to the Minister.

Hearings by Board (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Board may hold such hearings as it considers necessary. 1978, c. 23, s. 1, part.